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SUBJECT: PEKING ON SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY FAILURES

SUMMARY: AT A TIME WHEN CHINA'S DOMESTIC STRUGGLES APPEAR TO BE LAPPING OVER INTO THE FIELD OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, NCNA HAS ISSUED A REVIEW OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY WHICH STRONGLY REAFFIRMS CHINA'S POST-1971 VIEW OF POWER POLITICS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. NCNA (FEB 6) ISSUED A REBUTTAL TO SOVIET CLAIMS FOR FOREIGN POLICY GAINS IN 1973 WHICH DENOUNCED THE SOVIET LEADERS AS "FOOLS" AND THEIR CLAIMED SUCCESSES AS "HALLUCINATIONS." THE ARTICLE WROTE OFF SOVIET-AMERICAN
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DETENTE AS A "SHEER HOAX WHICH HAS EXPLODED LIKE SOAP

BUBBLES" AND ARGUED THAT SOVIET EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNITY AND ITS TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES HAD RESULTED IN A "STRENGTHENING IN THE TREND OF WESTERN EUROPE'S ALLIANCE AGAINST HEGEMONY, PRIMARILY AGAINST SOVIET HEGEMONISM." IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SOVIETS ARE SAID TO HAVE "LOST THE INITIATIVE" IN CONTENTION WITH THE U.S. AND TO HAVE BEEN "RELEGATED TO AN INFERIOR POSITION." NCNA REPEATED THE PRC'S EARLIER LINE THAT THE SOVIETS HAD "BEAT A HASTY RETREAT" AFTER THE U.S. MILITARY ALERT AND IS AT PRESENT "ACTUALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE HANDLING OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS." IT WARNED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOW "PLOTING A COUNTERATTACK."

2. THE ARTICLE ALSO CONCLUDED THAT SOVIET EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM HAD FOUNDERED BECAUSE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA WAS UNWILLING TO "SWALLOW THE BAIT" AND BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO INDIA PROVED FRUITLESS. THE SOVIET STRATEGY OF EXPANSION IN SOUTH ASIA AND THE GULF AREA IS ALSO SAID TO HAVE MET WITH REPEATED SETBACKS, AND IN KEEPING WITH CHINA'S IMPLIED SUPPORT OF CENTO, THE STRENGTHENING OF THE COMMON DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF IRAN, PAKISTAN AND TURKEY IS SUPPORTED.

3. COMMENT: THE NCNA ARTICLE IS A STRONG REAFFIRMATION OF THE BASIC LINES OF THE PRC'S GREAT POWER DIPLOMACY. IT IS CLEARLY DESIGNED TO SHOW THAT, BREZHNEV'S CLAIMS ASIDE, DURING THE PAST YEAR SOVIET EXPANSIONIST AIMS WERE KEPT IN CHECK BY U.S. DETERMINATION AND ABILITY TO CONTEND WITH THE USSR AND BY WESTERN EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE UNWILLINGNESS TO BE TAKEN IN BY SOVIET BLANDISHMENTS.
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